

# Core brief

**Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive  
(8 May 2020, 4.35pm)**

As we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, there are many parallels being drawn between the challenges experienced by people then and what we face at present.

Today provides a good opportunity to reflect on how well we have responded as an organisation over the past few difficult weeks and for me to acknowledge and thank you all for your dedication, willingness and ability to adapt.

As the weeks go on, it is very important for us to all to continue to look after ourselves and to look after one another. I was pleased to hear that some of our new measures of support, such as the R&R hubs, have gone down well with staff. Our HR Director, Anne MacPherson, and colleagues are now looking to see how we build on these good initiatives and continue to look after your health and wellbeing at each phase of this pandemic.

As part of this, we are asking for your ideas on how our endowments funds could be used to enhance the wellbeing of staff.

Over the past few weeks, we have been overwhelmed by the support for the NHS from organisations and individuals. We've had people completing 5Ks in their garden, climbing virtual mountains and of course, we've had the heart-warming story of Captain Tom. It's been truly remarkable and humbling.

Our Endowments Fund has benefitted and will continue to benefit from these incredible donations. We want to ensure that donations received are used appropriately and swiftly for projects across the Board area. We want to spend this money wisely and for the benefit of health and social care staff, patients and their families at this very difficult time.

If you have an idea for how endowment funds could be used to enhance the wellbeing of staff, patients and volunteers, please fill in the attached form and send it to Bernadette O'Brien at [Bernadette.o'brien@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Bernadette.o'brien@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) The Endowments Management Committee will consider applications quickly to ensure minimal delay between application and approval.

[Click here to access the endowments application form.](#)

Thank you.

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